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The amendment filed on January 12, 2007 introducing new claims 1-15 directed to a fiber blanket is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

The originally presented invention and the currently presented invention are independent and distinct from one another because they are unrelated in design, operation, and effect.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-15 filed on January 12, 2007 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and 37 CFR 1.145 and MPEP § 821.03.

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